(b) if so, whether it would be in Public Sector or Private Sector; and

(c) what will be the total expenditure for this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Govt. of Tamilnadu in October, 1991 requested the Ministry of Coal. Govt. of India to accord appproval to undertake mining of lignite in Jayamkondam area for thermal power generation through a joint sector venture viz. Ms. Jayamkondam Lignite power Corporation Ltd. (JIPC) between MS. Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (TTDCO). a Govt of Tamilnadu undertaking and M|s. Monally Engg Co Central Govt.s no objection, in principle, has, been conveyed in November, 1992.

(c) The feasibility Reports for the proposed mine (9 million tonnes year) and lor the proposed Thermal Power Station (3x500 MW) are under preparation. The total expenditure for the scheme would he known on their completion.

BAN PUT IN BY BPE FOR EMPLOY-MENT TO DISPLACED FAMILY MEMBERS OF COAL ACQUIRED I.AND

2328. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHAN-DRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be plepsed to state :

(ll) Whether Government propose to lecunsider the ban put in February, 1986 by the BPE on offering employment by the coal companies to one member of the famities displaced by land acquisition for toil;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of such a ban. Kind acquisition has become difficnlt and-

(e) what would be the likely number of jobs required to be offered if such a ban is removed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) There is no proposal as you to review the ban put in February, 1986 by the erstwhile Bureau of Public Enterprises on offering of employ-meni by the coal companies to one member ot the families displaced by land ac-quisition for coal projects.

(b) The ban has affected land acquisition to some extent.

(e) Keeping in view large areas pending for land aequisition involving tenancy lund of about 20,000 Ha., it is difficult to indicate. at present, the number of jobs that' would be required for the purpose before the number of families that would be aftected is known.

DF LAY IN TAKING POSSESSION OF COAL BEARING LAND

2329. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of CIAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total land involved is land requisition cases under the coal bearing areas (Acguisition & Development) Act. 1957.in which the possession of land is *not taken* glace:

(b) what is the extent to which there has been delay in completion of the pro-iects;

(c) what are the state, District and areas where such a problem exists; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to sort out this problem at the, earliest ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (d) The ve-cerds of land acquisition are not kept in a ctntralised manner by the Govern-ment and as such the time and effort in-irolvcd in collecting and corapiliag the in-formation may not be commensurate with the result sought to be achieved,